

# Being vigilant, means being smart

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As Bright Star- 01/02 winds down and service members receive accolades for a job well done, commanders' laud their finest and brightest troops for their efforts, force protection can't wind down with it.

Many airmen hadn't had the opportunity to view the Pyramids in Cairo, one of the seven wonders of the world, before Cairo West went into Force Protection Condition Delta Oct. 6 – no one's been able to since.

The 75th Expeditionary Support Squadron has begun offering the tours again. There are several points service members should keep in mind to ensure a safe trip to the Pyramids and everywhere they travel.

Avoid mass gatherings. This doesn't mean don't go to the Pyramids or other sites. It means avoid staying in large groups. People should try being in groups of no fewer than two and no larger than eight.

Don't stand out as an American service member. Don't wear the T-shirts that say, "It ain't over till it's over, BMT 2001," or any other squadron or work related shirts, baseball hats and other clothing that identify members as American military personnel.

Members should allow an extra car length between them and the vehicle in front of them for quick exits when and if stopped . . . just in case.

When traveling service members should be aware of their surroundings. Always look for escape routes, exits and places to avoid.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Kimberly Melchor  
A1C Crystal Medina, 822nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, relays a message over the radio from the roof of the Cairo Marriot Hotel. Medina is one of several security forces members providing security at the hotel for distinguished visitors and all U.S. military personnel travelling through Cairo.

Don't go somewhere alone. When downtown or traveling between the K-Span, Flight line and tent city areas, personnel should always have at least one person with them. Utilize the buddy system.

Don't discuss work in public. People should always understand that there are ears everywhere and what they may discuss may be inadvertently impact the safety of airmen deployed to Cairo West.

Vary routines. Don't meet with friends at the same spot, at the same time day after day. Those wishing to harm service members will do their research beforehand and learn their routines.

When looking for something to drink, if service members have a choice, they should drink from familiar canned or bottled sources, i.e. Coke, Pepsi, etc.

Avoid eating dairy products, fruits and vegetables while on the economy. Many companies' dairy products and organic foods have not gone through the strict cleaning regiments that are up to U.S. standards.

Comply with local custom's officials. Be courteous when interacting with local officials.

Be a good ambassador. Personnel should remember to put their best foot forward and not to be the "ugly American."

After receiving mail, personnel should remove addresses from letters and packages when they dispose of them.

"We just want to make sure our people are taken care of," according to MSgt. David Montano, 75th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron. "The best thing our folks here can do, is to stay vigilant, stay smart and don't get complacent in daily activities."

"We came here in style. We will finish in style."



# Where to go, what to do

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That's it, you finally got the word that you can go home. Great news! You want to make sure you jump through all the hoops to get on that plane, but where do you start?

Personnel outprocessing begins at the PERSCO tent. Members must pick up an outprocessing checklist and have each section completed by the appropriate agency. The form must be signed by the first sergeant and the unit commander to ensure they are relieved of their duties and can depart Cairo West.

**Chemical gear turn-in:** People who checked out chemical protection gear at Cairo West must turn in all equipment to RADS located in tent city at the same area it was issued. The point of contact is TSgt. Diane Henderson.

**Post office:** Make sure the post office has a forwarding address on file to send mail that may arrive after your departure.

**Pass and ID:** People must have

their forms signed off by pass and ID. They are located in KSPAN 2 and are open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Communications:** People who have land mobile radios (LMRs) must turn them into the 75 AEG Communications Squadron radio section at the help desk tent located in front of the KSPAN.

**Cell phones:** Cell phone holders must turn in the phones and all accessories to the 9th Aerospace Expeditionary Task Force/A6 located in the KSPAN.

**Transportation:** People who have a u-drive vehicle must turn it in at least one day prior to departure to allow enough time for vehicle inspection and to complete appropriate paperwork. Contact SSgt. Eric Lyke at 428-1260 for more information.

**Medical records:** Many people turned in their medical records when they arrived at Qui Web. Those people need to make sure their medical records either go home with them hand-carried by the senior-ranking person from

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SSgt. Nancy Immormino, 75th Expeditionary Support Squadron, left, briefs outprocessing airmen on procedures and protocols. Below, SSgt. Ray Rice, 75th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, inspects a redeploying service member's bags for customs regulations compliance.



Photos by SrA. Chrissy Szczepanski  
MSgt. Dave Vassar, 75th Expeditionary Support Squadron, shows Immormino identification while processing through the Joint Reception Center before redeployment stateside.

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